

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	09/655134
Filing Date	September 5, 2000
First Named Inventor	Neal A. Benkofske
Group Art Unit	1722
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Attorney Docket Number	1396.001US1
Customer No.	21186
Confirmation No.	7544

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MOLDING A PLATE.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- 1. X Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 2, 2003.
- 2. __ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
- 3. __ An Amendment Under 37 CFR § 1.116 (pages) is enclosed.
- 4. _ A new power of attorney (pages) is enclosed.
- 5. _ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed (pages).
 - a. Form(s) 1449
 - c. Copies of IDS Citations
- 6. X A check in the amount of \$385.00 is attached to pay the RCE filing fee required under C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- 7. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any fees set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 through 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.
- 8. \underline{X} A petition for extension of time in the prior application ($\underline{1}$ pages) is enclosed along with a check in the amount of $\underline{\$210.00}$ to pay the extension fee.

9. _ Others:

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Attn-Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 30 day of October, 2003.

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